

Saturday, 12th August, 1922.

Ibrox Park, 3.15.

Referee: Mr. W. ALEXANDER.

**BURNS ANNI-
VERSARY** v. **COMMONWEALTH
DOCKYARD**
(Navy Blue) (White)

Early Match, 1.45.

REFEREE: MR. J. McDUGALL.

WEST SYDNEY v. **ABBOTSFORD
DISTRICT**
(Red and Blue Halves) (Black and White)

Brereton Park, 3.15.

Referee: Mr. E. LUKEMAN.

**ANNANDALE
ALTONA** v. **GLADESVILLE**
(Blue and White Stripes) (Black and Gold Stripes)

whistle, or some such signal, will be given in future. I am certainly of the opinion that much good, in many ways, would be derived therefrom, and no doubt some action will be taken by our Referees' Association in the matter, particularly as a guidance to players and spectators alike, which would have a tendency to help the game along, in this country. The point arises, as it did in the incident mentioned, that players should not converse with the referee, and I believe a referee's decision was upheld on this point alone, but surely a Captain of a club has a right to ask a civil question and receive a civil answer. However, opinions differ on the matter, the plea being that an argument may ensue. Well, the referee has his remedy, and can, if necessary, exercise the powers given him under the "Laws of the Game." I think the Football Association would certainly welcome some action in the matter by the Referees' Association, and at the same time remain an unwritten law. It is to be hoped that the game here will not suffer from the shortcomings of a Referee as in the case mentioned, who was to say the least of it, not a sport.

THE IMMENSE POPULARITY OF ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

(Continued from last issue.)

The average man likes his pleasure in a concentrated form. The fact that he has little leisure influences him in this respect. Cricket, with its weary waits and long-drawn-out suspense, is voted "too slow," while lawn tennis has not yet really gripped the masses, if one excepts the remarkable scenes I witnessed at Wimbledon this year.

Only football remains as the great outdoor amusement of the people. It meets the need in every respect. It is swift in action, lasts but one hour and a half, and is crammed with pulsating excitement. These features enable it to conform to what the man in the street regards as essentials in sport.

(And here let me submit a hint to those gentlemen interested in cinematography. For the man who will produce really good football films—and the material for such are ready to the hand—there is a fortune waiting. But shoddy, unconvincing, amateurish "stuff" will be no use; the scenarios will have to be written by a man who really

understands football and football human nature, while the producer must also be a man who knows the game. The average enthusiast is a very severe critic.)

And now to proceed. We will allow, then, that the chief reason why sixty thousand people will go to see Chelsea play is because their imagination will be stirred, and that they will be taken out of themselves. But that will scarcely account for every kick of the ball being followed with an absorption which must be seen to be believed.

The second reason I advance for the amazing hold of football is the extraordinary sense of partisanship which exists. Get into conversation with one of the many hundreds of thousands of football enthusiasts that are to be found in England to-day, and you will find that on ordinary subjects he is an intelligent, unbiassed, fairly well-read man of affairs. He will bear criticism kindly on every subject but the football team in which he takes an interest. That topic is sacrosanct; you must either agree with him, or you must talk about something else. He will hear no harsh words about the professional football players he cheers every fortnight.

It is this personal and proprietary interest in a team that raises the enthusiasm for football to such a white-heat. Drama comes out of the clash of factions, and it is the football enthusiast's passionate belief in the members of his own team that forges the fanatical excitement which can be witnessed on every first-class football ground.

It is something for the psychologists to explain to us why level-headed men of business should, in the course of a football match, address members of the side they support chidingly, affectionately, despairingly, blasphemously! Yet it is done; and the only reason that an unbiassed observer can put forward is that the ordinary supporter's love for his club is a very real thing. It is only human nature to be associated, however distant, with a successful organisation, and the unsuccessful sides also have their loyal adherents, who refuse to allow any reverse to shake their allegiance.

(To be continued.)

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GARDINER CUP.

The draw for the third round and the semi-finals of the Gardiner and the Richardson Cup is:—

Gardiner Cup.

Third Round: Adamstown v West Wallsend, at Newcastle Tramway Ground; Granville v Wallsend, at Wentworth Park Oval Sydney v. Burns' Anniver-

sary, at Clyde Oval; Woonona v Balgownie, at Woonona.

Semi-finals: Sydney or Burns' Anniversay v Granville or Wallsend; Balgownie or Woonona v Adamstown or West Wallsend.

Richardson Cup.

Third Round: Holmeville v New Lambton; West Wallsend Seaweeds v Boolaroo; Auburn v Kogarah, at Clyde Oval; Balgownie v Marrickville Avoca, on the South Coast.

Semi-finals: Holmesville A or

New Lambton v Balgownie Marrickville Avoca; Auburn Kogarah v Seaweeds or Boolaroo.

The third round must be completed on or before August 26, the semi-finals will be played either on September 2 or 9.

CRONIN CUP.

The draw for the Cronin played for by teams in the electorate, is: Balmain Fern v Sunlight, Cockatoo v Annand, Altona, Austin v Rozelle B. Bal. Scottish v Bal. Gladstone

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EDITORIAL.

WENTWORTH PARK.

The finest administrative act in the history of Soccer Football in this State was undoubtedly the leasing of Wentworth Park Oval by the N.S.W. Association, at the beginning of the 1920 football season. The effect has been that our game has been placed before the public in a more worthy manner, and that the administration has earned respect and approbation throughout the sporting world as a progressive body.

The arrangement of interstate and international matches can also be arranged much more confidently on account of the fact that the Association controls such a fine central playing area.

The parent Association having paved the way, the Metropolitan Association was enabled to secure the ground for season 1921, and at the beginning of this year, as a result of representations on our part, a three years' lease of the ground was obtained, the Association now enjoying security of tenure until the close of season 1924.

In securing this lease, however, an assurance was asked and given that the best match would be played on the oval each Saturday.

We are all naturally filled with satisfaction because we have such a fine ground for our headquarters, yet the obtaining of it and the assurance given, has been responsible for more heart-burnings in club football circles than has any other single act of administration. It must be admitted that the clubs have some ground for complaint. Some of them possessing home grounds, have to play many of their games at Wentworth Park, and only get a limited number of home matches. The most bitter complaints have come from Granville and Canterbury, and their cases are to a certain extent dissimilar to those of other clubs.

Last year these two clubs were two of the four leading clubs in the com-

petition, and were consequently called upon to play their matches with Balmain Fernleigh and Pyrmont, the other two leading clubs, on the Oval.

Under the rules of the Association, which admit the principle of home and away matches, but gives the right to the M.C. to place its best fixture on Wentworth Park, the clubs concerned only get five matches at home, during the season, unless it be found that some of the competing clubs, which have no home ground, have been called upon to travel twice to one of these two centres.

In order to somewhat recompense these clubs, the Association last year allowed them a very (to them) inadequate share of the revenue they had helped the Association to obtain. No allowance has yet been made this year, although it is understood that the M.C. are now considering the matter.

Canterbury, this year have had a very bad season, as far as winning matches is concerned, and have had therefore a fair share of home matches. They make the charge, however, that had the principle of home and away been in operation last year they would have been able to build up a following, strengthen their team, and consequently would have been much stronger.

There is no doubt that the graveness of their complaint—that by being kept away from home so long, they lose their following, which drifts either to other teams or other avenues of sport, has some logic in it.

Especially is this aggravated when there is no Second Grade team in the district which can be placed on the unfilled playing area.

Granville this year have had as many home matches as they can reasonably expect, while the present position appertains. Other clubs with home grounds who have played a goodly number of main fixture matches at the Oval are Balmain Fernleigh and Balmain Gladstones. These clubs took on a fairly big financial obligation in securing Easton Park for Soccer, but naturally being this year two of the draw cards of the Association, they have—Fernleigh especially, since it has played only

four matches on Easton Park this season—not been able to exploit the possibilities of that ground to their fullest extent. While Wentworth Park remains the determining factor however only two things can be done to alleviate the position. One is that the Association recompense these clubs whose matches are the source of the revenue on the Association controlled grounds, and the other is that a scheme of guaranteeing a certain number of home matches to each club be inaugurated. The latter suggestion is workable in this way.

The Association could guarantee to each club at least six home matches. This would be a total of thirty-six home matches, assuming that only six clubs possess home grounds. Fourteen matches would be played on Wentworth Oval, a total therefore is accounted for of 50 matches out of a total played of 56 matches. The weaker clubs with home grounds would in the natural order get the benefit of the six unaccounted for matches.

The question follows, how is six matches to be guaranteed to each club when Granville, for instance, is required to play Fernleigh and Pyrmont each time at Wentworth Park? The answer is that if the Association penalises Granville for being a winning team by placing them at the Oval, then they should even matters up by requiring a losing team to travel twice to Granville.

In conclusion, it is certain that around this question will wage big discussions in the future, and a solution must be found which will give a minimum number of home matches to each club possessing a home ground.

L. Leabeater, reserve for Granville and a young brother of C. Leabeater, is only sixteen years of age.

The Queensland selectors in omitting McBride, D. Cumberland, Bryant, Bratten and Brown in both the Second Tests must have been satisfied that their form was bad; else new stars have risen in their absence.

FIRST TEST.

Queensland v. New South Wales.

The Governor-General (Lord Forster) and the State Governor (Sir Matthew Nathan) attended the interstate soccer match at Brisbane cricket ground on Saturday, between Queensland and New South Wales. It was the first occasion upon which their Excellencies had attended a football match in Queensland, and they were accorded a rousing reception by the crowd, which numbered about 3000.

A stiff westerly blew just before the match began, and although it abated, a few drops of rain fell. This probably kept a large number of people away from the match. The teams took the field as advertised, and after lining up and facing the grandstand, the New South Welshmen chanted the war cry given by the Australian teams while on tour in New Zealand. Queensland enjoyed rather the better of the first half, but just before half-time Sinclair, who had previously netted from an outside position, opened the scoring for the visitors with a swift grazing shot. New South Wales maintained their interval lead throughout the second half, and they deserved to win.

Just before the close Queensland lost a great opportunity to equalise. Aitchison was adjudged to have carried the ball beyond the regulation distance, and Queensland were awarded a doubtful free kick. Peebles took the free kick close up to the posts, and a melee followed, during which Harrigan handled the ball. Gibbs, the Queensland captain, called upon Hainsworth to take the kick, but he was not keen about it, and Peebles was Gibbs' next choice. Peebles' shot was saved and the game ended in a victory for New South Wales.

The Queensland team can be strengthened considerably on Saturday's display. As I pointed out in Friday's paper, Gedge is not a right back, and, playing out of position, he did not reproduce his club form. Love worked like a Trojan and tackled splendidly. At times he lobbed the ball to the opposition, but his wing hung back, and Love usually placed the ball where his wing should have been. In spite of clever patches, Peebles was not equal to the centre-half position against Sinclair, Phillips and Leonard, and Gibb did not shine against Williams, who is a very moderate winger. The only member of the Queensland forward line who maintained his club reputation, was T. Hainsworth. Nesbit was not fed at all well.

THE PLAY.

Queensland:—J. Hamilton, C. Gedge, G. Harris, J. Love, J. Peebles, A. Gibb, J. Edwards, F. Matthewson, T. Hainsworth, D. Potts, E. Nesbitt.
New South Wales:—A. Aitchison, F. Gallen, C. Critcher, A. Crighton, C. Harrigan, P. Doyle, (captain), E. Williams, P. Leonard, A. Phillips, T. Sinclair, and D. McLauchlan.

Referee: Mr. W. E. Donellan.
Gibbs won the toss, and after the New South Welshman had rendered the war cry of the Australian eleven in New Zealand, Phillips started for New South Wales towards the Stanley street end. Tom Hainsworth, on securing from Peebles, ran forward nicely before transferring to Matthewson, and Doyle conceded a corner to stop the Corinthian player. The corner proved abortive, but the visitors could not clear their lines. Matthewson missed an opening in front of goal. After a rapid run into Queensland territory, Love transferred again. Love intervened when Phillips was going strongly, and Nesbit caused the Sydney to fall to his knees to save a neatly-timed shot. Phillips ran through for New South Wales, and tricked Harris, but he veered to the wing and kicked over the bar from a difficult angle. Gedge robbed McLauchlan when he was indulging in some 'pretty work, and Harris saved what looked like a certain goal. He rushed in between two of the Sydney forwards and took the ball off the toe of Phillips. Neither team seemed able to settle, and there was much useless kicking until Nesbit secured and lobbed a beautiful ball on the top of the cross bar. Edwards was just too late to secure the ball when it came to earth.

Gedge was guilty of "too much toe" when he could have fed his forwards, but he managed to rob Sinclair a little later, and at the moment Sinclair looked very dangerous. The visiting forwards "bunched" too much and impeded each other near goal. The best shot of the match came 20 minutes from the start, when Edwards crossed a beauty under the bar, which the goalie beat out. Tom Hainsworth then came into the picture. He went very near scoring from across by Edwards, his shot striking the net pole and almost immediately afterwards he was under full sail for goal, when Edwards was adjudged to be off-side. (The winger was not interfering with the play). Hainsworth brought Aitchison to his knees, and a rapid run to the other end saw Sinclair tap the ball into Hamilton's hands. Nesbit caused the visitors a good deal of trouble with accurate centres, and Aitchison earned a cheer for saving a low shot by Hainsworth.

Queensland goal had a narrow escape following a centre from Williams, which Hamilton fisted away, but could not clear. Sinclair lobbed the ball under the bar, and with Hamilton at the other end of the goal Gedge literally kicked the ball out of the net. Williams crossed again, and Sinclair from an off-side position pushed the ball past Hamilton. The referee rightly disallowed the point. Matthewson took a beautiful forward pass from Hainsworth, but he fired outside while on the run. A second later he sent over a centre by Nesbit. The visiting inside forwards were too nippy for Peebles, and a run they initiated resulted in McLauchlan sending the ball across the mouth of the goal. After the Sydney goal had undergone a narrow escape McLauchlan sent across a fast, low cross, and Sinclair opened the score for New South Wales

with a beautiful low shot. terval came just afterwards.

Half-time.
New South Wales
Queensland
Before the teams resumed the Governor-General (Lord Forster) and the Governor (Sir Matthew Nathan) walked on to the field and shook hands with the teams.

New South Wales went off with determined dash, and Gibbs cheered for a timely clearance. bit showed up with two centres when the ball came out of the goal. Peebles was beaten for it. New South Wales were having their full share of the game at this stage. McLauchlan gained a corner and Gedge another to clear. Peebles and both "fed" opponents, and the Queensland team work left a lot to be desired. Love, then passed the ball in front of his own goal to clear, and was lucky for Queensland that he upset Sinclair when he was taking aim. Peebles was injured and retired for repairs, but he wasn't off long.

Edwards had a clear run and chance to centre, but he lobbed the ball on the roof of the net. Phillips sent in an express shot at the other end, and Hamilton brought off a magnificent save from Sinclair. He was lucky to be on the premises, but handled the shot well. Nesbit over a high ball which the goalie well to beat out, and he was always dangerous when in possession. Hainsworth shot poorly from a favourable position, and Gedge gave a corner retrieve a mistake. The game is now degenerated considerably.

Matthewson fired in a shot which seemed likely to reach the net, but struck a back. Lennard was running well for Hamilton's territory, but Harris bowled him over.

A pretty run by McLauchlan suited in him crossing the ball. Sinclair lobbed the ball into Hamilton's hands. Five minutes from close a free-kick was awarded against the Sydney goalie for carrying. During the melee which followed Harrigan handled. Mr. Donellan gave penalty, and Peebles took the shot. His shot was magnificently saved by Aitchison. There was no further scoring.

Result:—

New South Wales
Queensland

"Sec. Milner should keep his tongue under restraint."—Trim them, Milner.

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JUNIORS
COUNCIL MEETING.

Club Secretaries are reminding that the next meeting of the Council will be held on Tuesday, August 29th, when the appeals by Newtown and Pyrmont teams against decisions of the Management Committee will be dealt with.

August 19, 1922.
FIXTURES FOR SATURDAY, 19th AUGUST, 1922
FIRST GRADE.

First Division.
Balmmain Gladstone v. Canterbury, Campsie Rec., 3.15 (S. Towsey).
Pyrmont v. Granville, Wentworth Oval, 3.15 (W. A. Wright).
Burns Anniversary v. Balmmain Scottish, Wentworth Oval, 1.45 (D. McKinnon).

SECOND GRADE.
A Division.
Manly v. Gladesville, Brereton Park, 3.15 (W. Alexander).
Annandale Altona v. Sunlight, Easton Park, 3.15 (J. Lester).
Botany Albion v. Punchbowl, Punchbowl, 3.15 (F. Hampton).
Metters Ltd. v. Hornsby Athletic, Wahroonga Grammar School, 3.15 (W. Neil).
N.S.W. Fire Brigades, the bye.

B Division.
Parramatta District v. St. George District, Cook Park, 3.15 (H. G. Head).

Two Blues v. Hurstville United, Rosehill Park, 3.15 (Granville Asn).
Callan Park v. Abbotsford District, Callan Park, 1.45 (L. Patterson).
Drummoyne v. West Sydney, Easton Park, 1.45 (R. Burns).
Rozelle Rovers, the bye.

C Division.
Pyrmont Rangers receive forfeit from Annandale Altona.
Punch Park v. Garden Island, Lyne Park, 3.15 (W. T. Berry).
Railway Thistle v. Botany Albion, Booralee Oval, 3.15 (S. Hayes).
Gladesville Hospital receive forfeit from West Sydney.
Metters Ltd., the bye.

FRIENDLY MATCH.
Commonwealth Dockyard v. Pyrmont Rangers, Ibrox Park, 1.45 (E. Jones).

NEWCASTLE CHAMPIONSHIP.
(KERR CUP).
Sydney v. Auburn District, Ibrox Park, 3.15 (A. W. Bates).

NEWCASTLE DISTRICT.

KERR CUP.

Eastern Suburbs v. Cessnock, at Newcastle.

ELLIS CUP.

West Wallsend v. Kurri Kurri, at Newcastle.

FIXTURES FOR SATURDAY, 26th AUGUST, 1922
N.S.W. STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

(GARDINER CUP).
Qualifying Round for Semi-finals.
Granville v. Wallsend, Wentworth Oval, 3.15.
Sydney v. Burns Anniversary, Clyde Oval, 3.15.

SECOND GRADE.
A Division.
(Final Round).
Manly v. Sunlight, Brookvale Oval, 3.15.
Annandale Altona v. Botany Albion, Booralee Oval, 3.15.
Gladesville v. Metters Ltd., Easton Park, 3.15.
Hornsby Athletic v. N.S.W. Fire Brigades, Mascot Park, 3.15.
Punchbowl, the bye.

B Division.
Parramatta District v. Hurstville United, Wentworth Oval, 1.45.
Two Blues v. Callan Park, Callan Park, 1.45.
Rozelle Rovers v. Abbotsford District, Easton Park, 1.45.
St. George District v. Drummoyne, Mascot Park, 1.45.
West Sydney, the bye.

C Division.
Pyrmont Rangers v. Metters Ltd., Ibrox Park, 1.45.
Botany Albion v. Gladesville Hospital, to be arranged.
Punch Park, the bye.
Railway Thistle, Garden Island receive forfeits.

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Fred. Yabsley, Fernleigh's left wing is a man worthy of a further trial in interstate games. He played in all the five matches in Queensland last year, and was a great success. He was not given much opportunity this year, however.



DISTRICT FOOTBALL.

A writer, in one of the evening papers, in suggesting a return to District Football as a means of regaining a more equal standard of play than now prevails, opens up a question that has set Soccer followers by the ears more than once. That the present system is inequitable and injurious to the progress of the game most people will admit, but the way out is more difficult than appears on the surface.

For over forty years certain centres have been recognised Soccer strongholds, whilst scattered sections played it, in a desultory way with scant success. At date enthusiasm is not evenly distributed, and the allotment of the districts would require to be gone into with great care, to achieve the purpose intended. Take Balmain Electorate, for instance it contains, practically, half of the players engaged in First Grade football, and Pyrmont Gladstone, Rangers, Fernleigh, Scottish and Cockatoo are largely recruited within its borders. Districts, consequently, must be so adjusted as to give each club an equal chance for the League Premiership by limiting the thickly populated areas where the game has been long established, and granting wide territories to clubs in outlying suburbs.

In a scheme of this character a number of clubs would, no doubt, have to abandon the names under which they now play, and names, not necessarily denoting boundaries, but indicating localities, take their place. Within the Balmain Municipality alone three

strong combinations could be easily mustered, with definite and compact areas assigned to them, and a keen community rivalry would immediately follow. The same idea carried out with Pyrmont would mean the revival of old names like Glebe, Ultimo and Annandale, and prevent all the talent concentrating itself in one club, as it now does. The frantic chasing after gold discs, and the kaleidoscopic changes in the personnel of the clubs, during the last two seasons, have become so marked that some of the players cannot tell, without reference to the colours on their shirts, the team they are playing for.

Assuming that residence be the basis of qualification, six months in one district should be the minimum fixed to determine players' bona-fides. This rule would work harshly with many who live in diggings, and frequently change them, but a period must be made to guarantee credentials. A man resident seven months in one district and three later in another, would, of course, be eligible to play for his old district. A new arrival would be permitted to play straight away for a club, provided he resided in its district, thereafter, the rule to apply.

It might be contended that all this would tend to increase the number of clubs who considered they had First Grade claims, when it is more desirable to confine that competition to a few. At its inception, it no doubt would, but a 20 or even a 24 clubs premiership, single round only for one season, would decide the order of precedence, and they could be graded accordingly.

The drawback in District Football occurs in the instance where a club has a plethora of fine players and no room to place them. Reserve men, of any skill, become dissatisfied, and naturally protest when an application for a transfer is turned down. This is a matter for the authorities, and, failing selection, the team for four consecutive weeks a permit should be given for the remainder of the season only to play for some other club. Done-in-the-manger attitudes should be discouraged.

Interstate Football notwithstanding, grade competitions are the draws; they sustain interest and evoke comparisons. Even the biased barracking of the partisans is essential to the life of the code and they are reliable and consistent friends of the exchequer.

POT SHOTS.

"Austen Juniors went to pieces—Why not get them screwed."

"St. Aidan boys meet the Emma Tabbys at Waterloo Park to-day—Oh that will be joyful, joyful, joyful, joyful."

"Holroyd and Lidcombe disagreed about a match, and will appear before the committee."—Hope they will be able to strike some light on the match.

"Sinclair tested Evan with a hot shot."—But Heaven isn't the place for hot stuff; try the other place.

"Taylor was at his best."—A day to suit the tailor.

"A crowd of Fernleigh players got round the goal and Fernleigh scored."—Mobbed the goalkeeper.

T. S. ELLIOT.

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Kentville Avenue, Annandale

DID YOU KNOW THAT:

To-day's games at Wentworth Park have a big bearing on both the First and Second Division competitions. Also that both matches are deferred matches.

A. Gibb, C. Shenton and J. Cumberland are the only players who toured New Zealand who have been selected to represent Queensland in the present series.

P. Doyle, the New South Wales captain, and A. Gibb, the Queensland captain, were in the First Test, the only two "tourists" who played.

It is reported that W. Maunder is to receive an offer to play for a Scotch Club.

Rumour hath it that "Nick" Cartwright will receive an offer from an English club.

Pyrmont Rangers have won the Third Division of the Second Grade.

Garden Island think they will win the Sunlight Cup.

Rozelle Rovers have a similar idea.

Dr. H. K. Porter, medical superintendent of Sydney Hospital, and a popular member of Balmain Fernleigh, is now out of danger, and is progressing favourably.

A reply has not yet been received from the English Association re the proposal to have a British team tour this country and New Zealand in 1923.

SUNLIGHT CLUB.

The above club met Botany Albion at Easton Park on Saturday, winning by 2 goals to nil. Playing with a strong wind in their favour in the first half, Sunlight attacked, but Botany kept them out for some time, until Denham found the net with a good shot from the twenty five. Shortly after Woods, who was playing centre forward, was almost in but left his shot a fraction late, the ball being smothered. There was no further scoring in this half. In the second spell against the wind Sunlight played much better foot-

Saturday, 19th August, 1922.

Easton Park, 3.15.

REFEREE: MR. J. LESTER

ANNANDALE v. SUNLIGHT
ALTONA (Blue and White Stripes)

Early Match, 1.45.

REFEREE, MR. BURN

Drummoyne. v. WEST SYDNEY
(Black and White) (Red and Blue Halves)

Ibrox Park, 3.15.

KERR CUP.

Referee: MR. A. W. BATES.

AUBURN v. Sydney.
(Navy Blue) (Black and Blue Stripes)

Friendly Match, 1.45.

Referee: Mr. A. JONES.

PYRMONT RANGERS v. COMMONWEALTH
(Blue with Gold Sashes) DOCKYARD
(White)

ball, the forwards combining nicely. Woods secured in front of goal and made no mistake. Denham and Watson made some good runs down the wing. Centering well, but no further scoring took place. The forwards were an equal lot, Dick Woods justifying the selectors in bringing him from the full back position. Ewan who dropped back into Wood's position, played ably. S. Morrison put up a rattling good game at full back and McInnes and Brown in the halves were a tower of strength. Lyall in goal was not overworked but did all that was required of him.

NEW ZEALAND REPORT.

The report of the manager of the Australian team that toured New Zealand has been adopted by the council of the N.S.W. Association, and a resolution carried congratulating Mr. Morgan on the success achieved by the teams as a playing unit, also expressing ap-

preciation of the good conduct of the players, and thanking the New Zealand Association for the splendid arrangements made. The report discloses that the total attendances were 58,500, and the total gate receipts approximately £3,600.

Of the 14 games played 9 were won, 4 lost, and 1 drawn. The Australians scored 40 goals, and 22 by opponents.

The goal scorers were: Brown 15, Maunder 8, J. Cumberland 4, Ward 4, Dane 4, Bratton 3, Doyle 1, Fisher 1.

The record of the N.S.W. team in Queensland is as follows:—

Queensland won 1-0; Brisbane, won 6-2; Ipswich, lost 5-2; Queensland, won 2-0.

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"Some Parramatta teams should show more brotherly love."—Play them at Kissing Point ground and see if that will have any effect.

DUGGAN BROS.

GROCERS,

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PROGRAMME

Saturday, August 19, 1922.

Wentworth Park Oval—3.15 p.m.

Referee: Mr. W. WRIGHT.

Linesmen: Messrs. G. HARGETT and J. O'TOOLE.

PYRMONT v. GRANVILLE

PYRMONT

(Blue)

Goalkeeper

R. Maitland

Fullbacks

12—A. Fisher

2—S. Anderson

Halves

1—J. Crum

4—J. Gray

5—C. Timm

Forwards

3—E. Loveridge

9—J. Burcham

6—A. McLean

8—S. Alewood

10—R. Osborn



10—F. Ramsay

8—J. McCrae

6—W. Dane

9—R. Fairweather

7—H. Winter

Forwards

5—H. Spurway

4—J. Comrie

3—D. Leabeater

Halves

2—E. Doherty

1—G. Dane

Fullbacks

E. Atchison

Goalkeeper

GRANVILLE

(Black and White Stripes)

Reserves

PYRMONT

R. McDonald (Goalkeeper),
W. Britton.

GRANVILLE

11—L. Leabeater

Wentworth Park Oval—1.45 p.m.

Referee: Mr. D. McKINNON.

BURNS ANNI- v. BALMAIN SCOTTISH
VERSARY

BURNS ANNIVERSARY

(Blue)

Goalkeeper

R. Aitken

Fullbacks

1—D. Dunbar

2—J. Dodds

Halves

3—H. Cowie

4—G. Crawford

5—J. Rae

Forwards

7—W. Wyber

9—W. Munro

6—M. Jenkinson

8—M. Tate

10—R. Cranston



6—J. Sinclair

8—A. Forbes

10—R. Campbell

7—E. McAlpine

9—J. Hutcheson

Forwards

3—G. Hay

4—W. Cummins

5—S. Smith

Halves

1—A. Knox

2—H. Bridge

Fullbacks

T. Davidson

Goalkeeper

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PROTESTANT CHURCHES ASSOCIATION.

The most outstanding result last week was that All Saints tossed St. Aidans A, 2-1. On paper it looked an easy victory for the Dale boys, but the Black and Whites proved a dead-reckoning to be right out. H. Free, W. Woodward and N. Wright were the outstanding players in the L.O.L. 46 v. Lachlan Rangers A match.

Will. St. Stephens turned up (at least five did) and they were constrained to forfeit. The best match to-day will be All Saints and Lachlan Rangers A (non-competition).

Lachlan Rangers A and Austens F.C. have entered into the Sunlight Cup and Cronin Cups respectively. Last season Austens F.C. entered the Cronin Cup and though they were successful in the qualifying round, succumbed in the second match. Lachlan Rangers A meet Garrahan Island in the first match, while the second draw is not yet available. We wish both teams luck and success.

St. Aidans B managed to defeat Alex. Mission, 2-1. The Mission only had nine men, but probably with a full team would have won. The Mission backs and Dunford were the best of the day.

Lachlan Rangers B and Dulwich Hill Bap. A put up a great game at Ascot. The Maroons led early in the game, but the goal was equalised before long, by a melee in front of their own goal. At half time, 1-1. In the second half the Rangers were the first to score, but the Baptists then scored two more and this was the final scores, 3-2. The Rangers played the kick and ruck game, while their opponents played the short passing game. Daniels was easily the best player on the day. Cook of Dulwich Hill played a great forward game and netted three goals. Rangers O. Left played well but was starved in the second half. The L. Half of the Rangers was the best half on the day. O'Flanagan, the Rangers left back, seemed on colour and continually miss Kewps. The result 3-2 was not a true reflex of the game, 2-2 would have been a truer result.

The best match to-day will be Dulwich Hill Bap. A and Lakemba Congs. A at Hurlstone Park. Last round the Maroons won the odd goal in five.

Both these are at their height, and whoever wins will need to be all out. Mr. Thos. Anderson, President of the Referees' Association, will handle the match.

Lachlan Rangers B and St. Aidans B. should be interesting, though I think the Rangers should win. All Souls A should experience no difficulty in disposing of Alex. Mission.

Last Saturday they disposed of Enmore Tabs. (who only had nine men) rather easily, 7-0. If Enmore had a few more Stanhopes and Higgins they would do better.

Last Saturday Dulwich Hill Bap. A and B held a very successful Social and Dance in the local Masonic Hall. Mr. L. Haggart, ass. hon. sec., accompanied by his wife represented the Association and also passed a very enjoyable evening.

Teams will be glad to hear that Stanmore Pres. have practically liquidated their debt.

St. Annes and Dulwich Hill Bap. A had a close call from a rather weak team last week, both winning by the odd goal. Austral Waratah B forfeited for the second time in succession. This team would do well to reckon the cost before they forfeit too often. The only interesting match to-day should be Dulwich Hill Bap. B. and St. Annes at Meadowbank at 2.30.

For the first time this season St. Bedes were not victorious last week. Lakemba Congs. B. drew with them 3-3. At half time St. Bedes were leading 3-1, but in the second spasm the Black and Reds woke up and put in two more and held their opponents.

Another surprise was that All Souls B defeated Tempe Park Meth. 1-0. Souls B. are waking up and shaking up all they meet nowadays. They should give St. Albans a good run for their money to-day. To-day St. Bedes meet Tempe Park Meth. and should have an easy victory. However if their heads swell too much there might be a repetition of last week or even more. Lakemba Congs. B and Meth. B should both win to-day.

Club-mates will be sorry to learn that Jack Fleming of the now defunct Chalmers Club, is still having trouble with his leg, which will not knit. J. Bruce of Lakemba Congs. A is getting along O.K., though of course he will not play again this season.

DRAW FOR SATURDAY, AUG. 26, 1922.

First Grade.

Austens F.C. v. Lachlan Rangers A, Hurlstone Park, 3.15.

Will. St. Stephens v. All Saints, Wardell Rd. No. 1, 3.15.

St. Aidans A v. Lakemba Meth. A, Lakemba, 3.15.

L.O.L. 46, the bye.

Second Grade—A Division.

All Souls A v. Balmain Pres., Wardell Rd. No. 2, 3.15.

Leichhardt Meth. v. Lachlan Rangers B, Waterloo Oval, 1.45.

St. Aidans B v. Enmore Tabs., Wardell Rd. No. 2, 1.45.

Lakemba Congs. A the bye.

Alex. Mission v. Dulwich Hill Bap. A., Waterloo Oval, 3.15.

Second Grade—B Division.

Alex. Congs v. Hurlstone Park Congs., Hurlstone Park, 1.45.

Austral Waratah B v. St. Annes, Wardell Rd., No. 1, 1.45.

Dulwich Hill Bap. B v. Newtown Congs., Fivedock, 1.45.

St. Andrews v. St. Johns, Fivedock, 3.15.

St. Albans the bye.

Third Grade.

All Souls B v. Lakemba Congs. B, Centennial Park, 3.15.

Austens Juniors v. Botany Meth. Ascot, 1.45.

Lakemba Meths. B v. Tempe Park Meth., Centennial Park, 1.45.

St. Albans v. St. Oswalds, The Flat, 1.45.

St. Bedes the bye.

Inter-Division Matches.

L.O.L. 46 v. Lakemba Congs. A, Ascot, 3.15.

St. Albans (Dr.) v. St. Bedes, The Flat, 3.15.

Saturday 19th August, 1922.

CAMPSIE RECREATION—3.15 p.m.

BALMAIN GLADSTONE v. CANTERBURY STONE

Referee: Mr. S. TOWSEY.

Balmain Gladstone
(Black with Gold V)

W. Hughes

- 1—J. Driscoll
- 2—W. Byers
- 3—L. White
- 4—D. White
- 5—F. Gallen
- 6—H. Gowan
- 7—J. Murray
- 8—G. Fitzpatrick
- 9—M. Kerr
- 10—C. Brennan

Reserves:

G. Storey A. Hodgkiss

Canterbury

(Blue and Gold Stripes)

Hatcher

- 1—R. Smith
- 2—J. Shipley
- 3—D. McLennan
- 5—C. Lauder
- 4—L. Stobie
- 6—J. Thirwell
- 7—H. Chapman
- 8—T. Wardhough
- 9—G. Milner
- 10—L. Hippisley

Reserves:

11—T. Forbes 12—Edwards

Early Match, 1.45.

GRANVILLE ASSOCIATION.

The curtain is being gradually drawn on the season's activities.

So far as the Juveniles and Juniors are concerned the stage is set for the finals. In the Juvenile, Carlingford and Two Blues met at Clyde in the early match. Kicking with the wind in the first half, the Blues were expected to secure a good lead, but only managed to score a single. After the change of ends the "Merry Farmers" had all the game and finished up leading 2-1.

A section of the crowd always ready to give filthy advice, advised the Blues to lay the boot in. In the case of two of them the advice was accepted. Those two joined their comrades on the fence for the rest of the game. As Blues and Carlingford have qualified for the final the Blues might have time to repent.

As Kewpies said the previous week, if we win and Blues lose we will be level with them. Their hopes were dashed to the ground by West Ryde at Blaxcell St. ground. The Ryde Boys were too good and won 4-1. So Kewps. "if" came a thud.

The only match in the Junior was played at Rosehill, where Blues and Carlingford clashed.

The referee, George Wellings reported that this was the finest and fastest game he has refereed up here. It was a royal go up till a minute of time. Blues were leading 2-1 when Carlingford found an opening and made the scores level. It is indeed very gratifying to receive such reports.

Blues have now to play Auburn, should they draw they will meet the same team in the final. It is just possible for them to beat Auburn, although they will have to play a great game to do so.

In the All Age, Volunteers and Arnotts met in a re-play. As was expected Vols. came home winners, 2-0.

West Ryde had no trouble in downing Rangers at Dundas 4-1.

The surprise of the day was the defeat of Holroyd by Parramatta United, 1-0. This result practically blights Holroyds chance of contesting the final.

Lidcombe journeyed to St. John's Park, and defeated the locals, 3-1.

Lidcombe has made wonderful progress lately, but they come too late to do much damage.

A great struggle is taking place for final honours, Kewpies have practically qualified, but West Ryde, Volunteers, Holroyd, and Arnotts are contesting every inch. In the end it will probably be found that West Ryde have just got there from Volunteers, with

Kicking with the wind took place at Clyde before a big crowd. Auburn Juniors and Kewpies The Richardson Cup re-play. Holroyd and Arnotts whipping in Kewps. ran up a 2 goal lead. On the change over the Auburn boys had most of the play, Kewps. were unable to withhold the pressure, the boys scoring 4 in quick time. Those were the final scores.

Unlike the previous week's game, the best spirit was shown by both sides and referee Allerton had no trouble from any of the players.

To-day Auburn Juniors have to play Kogarah at Clyde at 3 p.m.

We are pleased to report that veteran Tom Williams is again on active service after a severe heart attack and trust he will be free from such a long time. Tom is a prominent bucket umpire and is looking forward to a run of good health, so that he might take his place behind the stumps.

Committeeman George Robertson is home again after a severe operation in St. Josephs Hospital. George is a keen worker and his absence has been keenly felt. We hope he has complete recovery.

Another member of the Committee, Mr. R. Ainslie is holidaying in Queensland.

Dick has been a great help since taking his seat.

The referees have been appointed for the finals: All Age, E. Mobbs; Cottam Cup, W. Allerton; Junior, G. Wellings; and Juvenile, B. Hyslop.

Sydney referees have accepted our invitation to a match at Clyde and the game is to be played as soon as fixtures are disposed of.

FIXTURES FOR TO-DAY.

RICHARDSON CUP.

Auburn v. Kogarah, Clyde, 3 p.m.

ALL AGE.

Holroyd v. Volunteers, Clyde 1.45.

Kewpies v. Arnotts, Blaxcell St., 3.15.

Lidcombe v. West Ryde, Lidcombe, 3.15.

United v. St. Johns, Granville, Park, 3.15.

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THE REFEREE.

(By MAC).

In regard to my remarks re-
barring in last week's issue it
seems strange that I should find
supporters of our code adopting
abominable tactics, at two
times last Saturday, to the Ref-
erees and players alike. And also
we have players who by their ig-
norance and want of sporting in-
stincts, are a curse to the game.
Those to whom I refer are bring-
ing our game into disrepute, and
players who are so devoid of
sporting intelligence should cer-
tainly not be allowed to play
"soccer," and even their support
is obnoxious to the best interests
of our code. Such cases when re-
peatedly reported should be re-
ferred to a code of "football"
wherein scope is allowed for brut-
al tactics, as evidenced in press re-
ports of recent happenings. In
most cases players to whom I re-
fer, are exceptionally well-known
to those in authority, particularly
the Protectors and Disqualifications
Committee, and it is time that
drastic action should be taken to
purge our sport of such objection-
able features, as an evil unusually
grows in magnitude, and certain-
ly with lax and apathetic methods
does not diminish.

No doubt the referee will
come in for some abuse here in
this regard, as he is expected to
keep strong control over such
players, and certainly, in most
cases he does, but there comes a
time when he too may become
rather apathetic for many reasons
personal and otherwise, but par-
ticularly because of the fact,
which cannot be disputed, that he
is not given that support which
is rightly his, by players and offi-
cials alike. Something must be
done before very long and then
our game will gain in public fav-
our, there is no doubt we have
"supporters" who delight in any-
thing unlawful, but surely we can
progress without their patronage.

It is comforting to think that
the Referee is held in high esteem
at times, and although such inci-
dents are rare, great pleasure
and satisfaction is his lot when he
knows that he is considered of
some importance to the game.
Players and officials alike should
certainly give the following letter
the consideration and carefully
note contents.

The Secretary.

Referees Association,
Dear Sir,

May take this opportunity of
showing my appreciation to the
Referee's that I have had the
pleasure of playing under.

Their task is a very hard one,
but I have found little room for
complaint, and I think on the
whole, the Sydney Referees are
doing their part well in trying to
advance the game of Soccer.

Yours faithfully,

ALF. W. JENNINGS.

This letter from Jennings, who
was held in high esteem by all
connected with the game, should
certainly awaken interest in the
part played by the referee in mak-
ing the game worth while, and is
an unsolicited testimonial to the
capabilities of our much malig-
nated referees. It is to be hoped that
some good will accrue therefrom,
by able support being given the
referee in playing his part. The
Referees' Association, in keeping
with all sports, wish Alf. Jennings
every success in his career as a
footballer and sport, and rest as-
sured that he will uphold the
traditions of Australian Soccer in
the old country.

In reply to Mr. Packer's as-
sertions in last week's issue, I
was certainly not misinformed as
to the facts of the case, and do
not withdraw any of my previous
remarks, which are a true state-
ment of affairs as they existed at
the time to which I referred.

Mr. Packer seems rather anx-
ious now, to enlighten the public
on the matter, and does so by dis-
torting facts. Some statements
are certainly correct and confirm
mine, but when Mr. Packer states,
that in his estimation, the referees
demand for representation on the
Appointment Board, (which they
always had, but was then being
denied them on trivial grounds).

was not becoming of "soccer," he
evidently has a very convenient
memory. Let me enlighten Mr.
Packer by asking him a question.
"If you hold that opinion now,
why did you actively support the
demands of the Referees' Associa-
tion when the matter was debat-
ed?" The second point raised
by Mr. Packer refers to the Ap-
pointments Board refusing to ac-
cept the page of the "Soccer
News," and appoint referees
thereon. The matter was duly
considered by the Referees' As-
sociation and the decision, after
due consideration, not to accept
such meagre information was
unanimous, not because it was
the Junior Association that was
concerned, as Mr. Packer would
have us believe, but because no
organisation with business
methods could do otherwise. I
will admit the fixtures coming
from Mr. Packer were official, but
what about omitting to say where
the games were to be played.

Mr. Packer's criticism of the
Appointments Board would carry
greater weight if he would en-
deavour to enlighten their al-
ready ponderous burden. The
Appointments Board will, I dare-
say, carry on junior work, if they
are ably assisted by the Junior
Association in the matter, and I
trust this will be remedied next
season. The juniors are not the
only people who have a growl
against the Appointments Board,
there are others. Certainly Mr.
Frank West is to be commended
for his action in consulting
himself the "Junior Appointments
Board," but, is it wise? Again,
the work of the Board is not that
of the Referees' Association, as
stated by Mr. Packer. In con-
clusion, let me state that I have
attended all the meetings of the
Referees' Association, whereas Mr.
Packer's absence since this hap-
pening has been noticeable, there-

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fore I am fully conversant with the position and true state of affairs, and if the junior game is being retarded, it is not by any action of the Referees' Association. On the contrary, we are out to assist them, and as previously stated, had the Junior Association accepted our advice at the time, a much better state of affairs would now exist.

Mr. Packer, place your own house in order, before criticising that of others, of which you know—nothing.

RESULTS FOR SATURDAY, 12th AUGUST, 1922

FIRST GRADE.

First Division.

Pymont Rangers v. Balmain Gladstone, Easton Park (McKinnon). Rangers, 6—2.

Pymont v. Eastern Suburbs, Centennial Park (G. Skelly). Pymont, 3—1.

Balmain Fernleigh v. Granville, Wentworth Oval (Wright). Balmain, 5—3.

Canterbury v. Gladesville, Campsie Rec. (S. Towsey). Canterbury, 2—1.

Second Division.

Burns Anniversary v. Commonwealth Dockyard, Ibrox Park (Alexander). Burns, 2—0.

Auburn v. Balmain Scottish, Wentworth Oval (Burns). Auburn, 1—0.

Campsie Thistle v. North Sydney, Canterbury Road (Gill). Drawn—1 all.

Lancashire Society v. Sydney, Mascot Park (Bates). Sydney, 6—0.

SECOND GRADE.

A Division.

Anandale Altona v. Gladesville, Brereton Park (Lukeman). Anandale Altona, 3—0.

Botany Albion v. Sunlight, Easton Park (G. Fooks). Sunlight, 2—0.

Metters v. N.S.W. Fire Brigades, Booralee Oval (O'Toole). Metters, Ltd., 1—0.

Hornsby Athletic v. Punchbowl, Punchbowl (Kerr). Hornsby, 5—2.

Manly, the bye.

B Division.

Parramatta District v. Rozelle Rovers, Parramatta Park (Geo. McGrath). Parramatta, 3—2.

Two Blues v. St. George District, Cook Park (Read). Two Blues, 3—0.

Callan Park v. Hurstville United, Callan Park (Jones). Callan Park, 3—1.

West Sydney v. Abbotsford District, Ibrox Park (McDougall). West Sydney, 7—0.

Drummoyne, the bye.

C Division.

Pymont Rangers receive forfeit from West Sydney.

Punch Park v. Metters Ltd., Mascot Park (M. Smith). Punch Park, 2—0.

Railway Thistle v. Gladesville Hospital (Freeman). Railway Thistle, 3—2.

Botany Albion v. Garden Island, Lyne Park (Neil). Garden Island, 3—1.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE.

FIRST DIVISION.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Pymont	13	12	1	—	41	11	24
Bal. Fern.	14	12	2	—	38	15	24
Granville	13	7	4	2	30	16	16
Pyr. Rang.	14	7	7	—	24	32	14
Bal. Glad.	13	5	7	1	24	28	11
Gladesville	14	4	7	3	31	39	11
East. Sub.	14	1	10	3	19	44	5
Canterbury	13	1	11	1	17	39	3

SECOND DIVISION.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Sydney	14	10	1	3	37	16	21
Bal. Scot.	13	8	3	2	43	18	19
Com. Dock.	14	8	1	5	26	14	17
Auburn	14	8	1	5	39	17	17
Burns Anniv.	13	6	4	3	38	15	16
Camp. This.	14	4	4	6	17	26	12
North Syd.	14	3	2	9	27	40	8
Lanc. Soc.	14	—	—	—	14	11	82

SECOND GRADE.

A Division.

	P.	B.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Allan. Alt.	14	2	10	2	2	37	16	26
Horn. Ath.	14	2	8	2	4	38	19	22
Sunlight	14	3	8	1	5	23	16	21
Gladesville	13	2	6	1	6	20	28	17
Metters Ltd.	14	2	6	1	7	22	22	17
Manly	12	2	5	2	5	21	23	16
Bot. Alb.	12	2	5	—	7	22	27	14
N.S.W. F.B.	14	1	5	1	8	20	30	13
P'bwil	15	1	2	2	11	20	42	8

B Division.

	P.	B.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
West. Syd.	14	1	11	1	1	53	13	25
Callan Pk.	14	2	9	3	2	47	18	25
Parra. Dis.	14	2	9	2	3	36	20	24
Two Blues	12	2	9	2	1	51	7	22
H'ville Unit.	14	2	7	1	6	24	29	19
Roz. Rov.	15	1	5	4	6	25	29	16
Abbot. Dis.	14	2	2	1	11	17	48	9
D'moyne	13	2	2	1	10	13	49	9
St. Geo. Dis.	14	2	1	1	12	12	65	7

C Division.

	P.	B.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Pyr. Rang.	14	2	13	1	—	52	6	31
Garden Is.	14	2	10	2	2	38	22	26
Punch Pk.	15	1	11	1	3	49	30	25
Rail. This.	13	2	4	2	7	21	39	14
Bot. Alb.	14	2	3	3	8	17	37	13
G'ville Hosp.	13	2	3	3	7	17	22	13
Metters Ltd.	13	—	—	—	1	12	6	52

METROP. JUNIOR FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

CHARITY CUP.

The first round of the Charity Cup Competitions which is played on the knock-out principle was carried out on Saturday last.

Kogarah v. Lilyfield A, met on an early fixture on Primrose No. 1 and a very even game ended with honours even, each side notching two goals. A re-play will be necessary.

Kogarah B gave Canterbury Juniors A a rude shock by holding them to a narrow victory of one goal, this team is to be congratulated on its fine effort.

Marrickville and Brighton met at Crescent Oval and on paper looked a runaway for Marrickville but the seashiders who have improved considerably of late made the Avoca team go hard and the final whistle saw Marrickville winners by two goals to nil.

Hurlstone Park defeated New Crusaders, the former team has improved during the past few weeks and their deferred game against Dulwich Hill Athletic were are leading their division which will be played on 26th is being looked forward to eagerly by "Park" supporters, who are sick of inflicting the first defeat on Dulwich Hill in competitive games.

Dulwich Hill v. Dulwich Hill Athletic was deferred, as the latter were engaged in a Richardson Cup game and will be played on Saturday 19th as an early fixture to the first grade semi-final at Enmore Park.

RICHARDSON CUP.

Dulwich Hill Athletic and Hurlstone Park replayed their fixture on Saturday on Primrose Park, a very interesting game saw the visitors win by 2-1. A protest has been lodged by the local side and the decision is now awaited.

Kogarah will journey to Canterbury to try conclusions against the Auburn District B, who defeated Canterbury in the first round.

SECOND GRADE.

The important match of the day was between Newtown and Leichhardt, who were even in the competition table. A great game saw the former run out winners by 3-1. A protest has been lodged by Leichhardt against the referee's decision.

Should the protest be lost Newtown will be the division winners, will probably meet Bankstown for the B Grade premiership.

THIRD GRADE.

Canterbury Juniors are still leading in this division and will meet Marrickville next Saturday.

In the second division Pymont and Rozelle will meet Saturday, a win to the former will give them the division.

Pymont who were leading in the third division, have been expelled from the competition for misconduct and Birchgrove are now at the head of the table and appear certain to be the ultimate winners.

TO-DAY'S GREAT GAME

Marrickville Avoca and Canterbury Juniors will meet to-day at Primrose Park No. 1 to see who will enter for the final of the first grade, each side have secured a victory over each other, and will line up with honours even. Marrickville are nippy in the forwards and Canterbury have a very strong back division, both teams will be all out for victory.

Mr. Geo. Skelly will have charge of the whistle.

SATURDAY AUGUST 26, 1922.

FIRST GRADE.

1st Division.

Hurlstone Park v. Dulwich Hill Athletic, Goodlet park, 3.15.

New Crusaders v. Dulwich Hill, Crescent Oval, 3.15.

CHARITY CUP.

Kogarah A v. Lilyfield A (re-play), Primrose No. 1, 3.15.

Leichhardt v. Arncliffe, Primrose No. 1, 1.45.

2nd Grade.

1st Division.

Y.M.C.A. v. Lilyfield, Algie Park, 3.15.

Anandale v. Balmain, Anandale, 3.15.

Leichhardt v. Stanmore, deferred.

Punchbowl v. Newtown, Erskineville, 3.15.

2nd Division.

Bankstown v. Canterbury Juniors, Bankstown Park, 3.15.

Penshurst v. Campsie Old Boys, Campsie Rec., 1.45.

Kogarah v. Dulwich Hill, Crescent, 1.45.

Marrickville forfeit to Greenacre Park.

Campsie Thistle v. Arncliffe, Cooks River, No. 1, 3.15.

Third Grade

1st Division.

Bankstown v. Canterbury Juniors, Bankstown Park, 1.45.

Penshurst v. Arncliffe, Cooks No. 1, 1.45.

Marrickville v. Kogarah, Primrose No. 2, 1.45.

Punchbowl v. Bankstown Athletic, Liverpool Rd., Bankstown, 3.15.

Dulwich Hill, the bye.

2nd Division.

Sydney Juniors v. Pymont Cooks No. 2, 1.45.

Glebe United v. Banksmeadow, Erskineville, 1.45.

St. Peters v. Leichhardt, Leichhardt, 3.15.

Anandale v. Rozelle, Anandale, 1.45.

Moore Park forfeit to Balmain.

THIRD GRADE.

3rd Division.

Glebe Arcadia v. Lilyfield, Primrose No. 2, 1.45.

Anandale v. Campsie Y.M.C.A., Algie Park, 1.45.

St. Peters Juniors v. Birchgrove, Erskineville, 1.45.

Ark of Safety v. Botany, Cooks No. 2, 3.15.

THE LETTER BAG.

Sir,—In reply to the letter of "Reff." in your last issue. He finds fault with the influx of new referees controlling important fixtures.

Now I will admit that there has been more new blood infused into the refereeing of first grade matches than hitherto, and confess that I am in a large measure responsible for this state of affairs, yet I make no excuse, but rather rejoice that my efforts have been marked with success.

When I took my seat on the board that was one of the great objects I had in view, and though

I have often had to fight hard I regret not the struggle.

The point to be sought is not as "Reff." views it, viz.:—The length of membership; but rather have these new referees who have been given a chance to win their spurs in first class matches, sustained the confidence reposed in them or otherwise. As a matter of fact, they have invariably conducted the matches entrusted to them in a worthy manner, which goes to prove the justification of the action adopted.

True, the older members, who have borne the heat and burden of the day, and especially those who through the bad times filled the post practically without fees, deserve every consideration, but it would be idle to grant them a monopoly of all first class events. In spite of adverse criticism I shall still persist in a course which I have long cherished, that is to give every referee a chance to reveal his latent powers in good company, believing that it will eventually make a stronger and healthier association.—Yours, &c.,

F. LANGFORD.

Dear Sir,—I would like to have a little space of "Soccer News" about the little team I have the honour to be secretary of. Callan Park. In our Comp. we have scored 48 against 17, a little different to your table in "Soccer News." The present Callan Park team comprises nine attendants who play regularly every Saturday. We have two players from outside the Park, who help to strengthen the team. We have played 24 matches this season up to date, and have lost only three, and drawn six, winning the remainder. Have scored 80 goals against 30, winning the Hospital Cup with medals. It has been the greatest season Callan Park has ever had. On behalf of my club, we wish to thank the Football Association for their kind assistance to us this year by allowing us to play practically all our matches at home. Through your valuable little paper, thank the teams who have played all their matches on our ground. The games have afforded the patients of this hospital some 'good afternoons' enjoyment.

Hoping you will publish some part of this letter.

DAVID ASHDOWN.

Dear Sir.—I would be pleased if you would grant me space in your journal for the following:—

Last Monday (Bank Holiday) I witnessed the All Blacks v. N.S.W. match, my first glimpse of Rugby for many years, by the way. From my observation, I venture to offer the following suggestion:—

On the touch lines at each side there is a linesman and a boy (as at Wentworth Oval). The boy at each side carries a ball, besides the one in play, making three balls in all. When the ball is out of bounds the boy immediately hands his ball to the player taking the "throw in," and pursues the other for use in the same manner. The result is that there is no delay, the game is made faster, and the spectators are pleased.

I see no reason why this should not be done in International, Interstate, and important Club and Gardiner Cup games. There would be no extra labour. Undoubtedly there would be a little extra expense in regard to balls, but that would be amply recompensed by the appreciation and consistent support of the onlookers, who dislike any slowing down of the game by needless kicking out of bounds and chasing the ball.—Yours, etc.,

"ANNANDALE SOCCERITE."

STANDARD OF PLAY.

The following letter from Mr. J. R. Hawke, hon. sec. of Corrimal Football Club, should form interesting to readers.

Dear Sir,

"If we desire to get the big public support we must prove ourselves worthy of it. We must evolve a plan which will have the effect of securing all the best players in the First Division of the First Grade so that onlookers at our best matches may see the best exponents of the game in action."

So concludes an interesting review under the heading "Standard of Play," in the Soccer News, Aug. 5th, 1922.

Eastern Suburbs, ten defeats. Canterbury, eleven defeats, so far

this season shows conclusively, that this year at least, these teams have failed to reach anywhere near the standard of play of the other teams in the competition.

In the Illawarra District, Thirroul have been defeated nine times in ten games, so their standard of play is well under that of the other teams in the competition.

Last year, Corrimal played Pyrmont three drawn games, which ranks high in the history of Soccer for fast, clean sparkling football. This year they succumbed to Granville who scored the only goal of the match, two minutes before full time. That surely makes Corrimal as good almost as the best in Sydney, and yet for two years Corrimal has failed to register a win over Balgownie while Woonona have lost one, won one, and drawn one game with Corrimal this year.

So in the same coast district, we have three teams equal to Sydney's best, and all capable of lowering the colours of more than half the present First Division teams in Sydney.

Optimist is a polite term for anyone more than three teams of this one who imagines that there will calibre on the coast for some years to come. In 1921 Tarrawanna entered the first grade competition on the coast, but they failed to see the season out, the best of their players being absorbed by Corrimal, the remainder going back to second grade.

This year, Port Kembla will advance to first division, but after three heavy defeats they withdrew, leaving the same old four teams to carry on.

The one chance of increasing the number of first grade teams on the coast is by one or more of the present first grade teams entering two elevens. When they do that, (if ever they do) they will produce two ordinary teams, where they now produce one good team. And that means lowering the standard of play. So "what plan can be evolved" to raise the standard of play?

The following plan may seem revolutionary to some, and no doubt will find many opponents, but is there a better plan at hand? Briefly this is the plan. Let Bal-

gownie, Corrimal, and Woonona enter the Metropolitan Association and either exclude the winners and runners-up of the Met. 2nd Div., or increase the number of clubs in the first division to twelve. Play home and home matches and allow the players Gardiner Cup travelling expenses.

By doing so the Illawarra teams will get out of the groove they are in danger of falling into while the Metropolitan teams will have to look around for better men to cope with the invasion. The Illawarra Association would have its hands full looking after second grade and juniors, while the South Coast public would have the best teams in Sydney making regular and frequent trips to the coast and the game would go ahead by leaps and bounds.

If anyone seriously proposed to the Northern Districts Association that Cessnock, Kurri and Weston should play a first grade competition amongst themselves under the South Maitland Association he would be recommended to the nearest lunacy expert. And yet, wherein lies the difference between South Maitland and Newcastle, and Illawarra and Sydney? Cessnock is 37 miles from Newcastle, Wollongong is 51 miles from Sydney. In other words Wollongong is less than one hour's longer journey.

Surely if the Newcastle-Cessnock players are prepared to travel 37 miles to play, the Sydney-Illawarra players would not cavil at 50 miles.

The admission of these three teams, the consequent increase in the standard of play would do Soccer more good than any other plan that could be devised. Let those who are anxious to advance the Soccer code take this matter up seriously and I am confident that from this foundation a good workable plan can be evolved; a plan that would work alike for the benefit of the players, the public, the respective associations, and the code generally.

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